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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR

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- 1. MISSION APPRECIATES RESPONSE REFTEL, AND WE DO NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTIES EITHER WITH MEXICANS OR IAEA ON THE REVISED LANGUAGE OF SECTIONS F AND I OF ANNEX PER PARAS 1 AND 2 REFTEL.
- 2. UNFORTUNATELY, PRIETO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING OF INFCE WORKING GROUP 3 THIS WEEK, SO WE WERE NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE WITH HIM AS WE HAD CONFIDENTIAL.

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HOPED. WE PLAN TO CONVEY OUR FURTHER THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO HIM THROUGH THE MEXICAN EMBASSY HERE, HOWEVER, SINCE WE THINK IT IS ALSO USEFUL TO INVOLVE THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR. BEFORE DOING SO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS ON ONE ADDITIONAL PROPOSED REVISION WHICH WE AND IAEA HAVE DEVELOPED IN AN ATTEMPT TO MEET THE MEXICAN CONCERN AT HAVING TO

DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE U.S. INSTEAD OF THROUGH THE IAEA, I.E., IN SECTIONS C, D, E AND F OF THE ANNEX TO THE AMENDMENT.

3. PROPOSED REVISION WOULD INVOLVE ADDING FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT THE END OF ARTICLE I OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT ITSELF, I.E., AFTER "... WITHOUT AMENDMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT.": "FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH IN THE ANNEX, THE AGENCY MAY ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER STATE OR GROUP OF MEMBER STATES." BASIS FOR THIS CONCEPT IS FOUND IN ARTICLE III.A.1 OF AGENCY'S STATUTE, AND WE THINK IT WOULD PROVIDE THE MEXICANS WITH THE OPTION OF DEALING THROUGH THE IAEA INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY WITH THE U.S., WHICH THEY STRONGLY PREFER. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AUTHORIZATION FROM WASHINGTON TO TRY IT OUT ON MEXICANS IF TEXT IS ACCEPTABLE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP. KIRK

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